

## GURGAON FIRST

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### Mobility

#### Gurugram Metro Expansion Begins Amidst Traffic Challenges

On July 7, 2025, Gurugram inaugurated its metro expansion phase — a 15.22 km line with 15 stations — improving connectivity and linking to the Delhi Metro at Sector 101. This launch aims to reduce road traffic and emissions marking a milestone in the city's push for sustainable urban transit. Construction also started on Gurugram's new 15.2 km metro corridor linking Millennium City Centre to Sector 9 at a cost of ₹5,452 crore, with 14 stations to improve upon the above-mentioned aims. Due to this a 3 km stretch on Arya Samaj Road is closed, forcing detours that extend travel by up to 4 km and cause temporary traffic congestion around Kanhai Mod. The project will lower the city's carbon footprint through expanded public transport.

#### GMDA's Rs 200 Crore Traffic Decongestion Project

GMDA plans to widen a 3.2 km stretch from Hero Honda Chowk to Umang Bhardwaj Chowk, adding vehicle underpasses and a flyover to streamline traffic flow at the confluence of NH48, Sohna Road, and Dwarka Expressway. This ₹200 crore project aligns with GMDA's 2030 Sustainable Mobility Plan, aiming to reduce commute times and vehicular emissions while enhancing regional connectivity.

### Environment

#### Gurugram's Groundwater Crisis Deepens

From 2022 to 2025, 60 entities including real estate developers and industries were found illegally extracting groundwater in Gurugram's designated "dark zone," with 2024 withdrawals reaching 43,262 million-hectare-meters, more than triple sustainable limits. Authorities have banned groundwater use in construction and started monitoring, but environmental groups demand stricter enforcement to prevent irreversible damage to water resources. The crisis emphasizes the urgent need for sustainable water management strategies to secure the city's environmental and human health in the decades ahead.

#### Haryana government announces Environment Plan 2025-26

In a landmark initiative to combat pollution and promote sustainable development, the Haryana government launched the State Environment Plan 2025–26 on September 16, 2025. The plan includes comprehensive measures to improve air quality, manage waste, and conserve water resources across the state, with a special focus on Gurugram, Faridabad, and Sonapat. The Clean Air Project, under this project is supported by the World Bank with a ₹3,600-crore budget, aims to reduce vehicular emissions through the procurement of 500 electric buses, promotion of EVs, and installation of over 370 EV charging stations. Under this plan, farmers are being provided stubble management machines, reducing air pollution from crop residue burning by 90% since 2016. Water sustainability is also a key focus of the initiative, with 201 sewage treatment plants turning operational and treated water being reused for irrigation. Projects like the Masani Barrage pilot aim to curb groundwater extraction and ensure sustainable water supply for the same.

## **GMDA Clears 100+ Shanties, Restores Sector 31 Green Belt**

On September 11, 2025, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) cleared over 100 illegal shanties across nearly 3 acres of the Sector 31 green belt, ending a 15-year encroachment that caused severe sanitation issues and environmental harm. Plans include installing grills, landscaping, and beautification aimed at restoring this area as a vital urban lung space for Gurugram, improving ecological balance and public health.

## **Gurugram plans 750-Acre Urban Forest to Combat Pollution**

Gurugram has announced a plan to create NCRs largest urban forests — Matri Van, spanning 750 acres along the Gurgaon–Faridabad stretch. The forest serves to act as both a green buffer and public amenity. The forest will span five villages (Chakkarpur, Haiderpur Viran, Wazirabad, Ghata, Nathupur), connecting from Khushboo Chowk to Ghat Chowk and integrating with the Aravali Biodiversity Park and Nagar Van. Launched under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” initiative, the drive is backed by collaboration among CSR bodies, RWAs, NGOs, private firms and government agencies.

## **Air Quality Monitoring Restored Before Winter Smog Season**

Gurugram and other cities in Haryana are set to regain real-time air quality monitoring after a months-long blackout that left the state without reliable pollution data. The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) recently awarded maintenance contracts for 29 monitoring stations, ensuring data flow to both state dashboards and the Central Pollution Control Board. Restoration is expected by late September, just before the winter smog and stubble-burning season, which typically drives air quality to “very poor” or “severe” levels.

## **Waste Management**

### **MCG raises fines 30+ Bulk Waste Generators worth Rs 6.5 Lakh**

In September 2025, the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) fined over 30 bulk waste generators a total of ₹6.5 lakh for violating waste segregation rules. Enforcement leverages geo-tagging and WhatsApp for real-time monitoring, while workers’ salaries were withheld for non-compliance in penalty collection. MCG Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya urged residents to reduce single-use plastics, and Urban Local Bodies Minister Vipul Goel announced upcoming city-specific solid waste frameworks to enhance operations.

## **General Infrastructure**

### **Sustainable Infrastructure Boost worth Rs 523 Crore approved for Gurugram**

In August 2025, the Haryana government approved ₹523 crore for sustainable infrastructure projects, with Gurugram benefiting majorly. The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) is investing ₹104.95 crore to build 18.32 km of RCC stormwater drains in Sectors 48, 76–80 to tackle persistent waterlogging by diverting excess monsoon runoff. Additional funding of ₹58 crore supports a 45 MLD sewage treatment plant in Faridabad, aimed at boosting water recycling and sanitation. Chaired by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, these projects emphasize green infrastructure integration, flood resilience, and sustainable urban living.

### **MCG Sets July 2026 Deadline for New Wazirabad Sports Complex**

The Rao Birender Singh Sports Complex in Wazirabad will open by July 2026 after delayed progress. Spanning 11.07 acres, it features courts for basketball, badminton, kabaddi, shooting ranges, yoga areas, and 14 EV charging stations. MCG Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya is pushing for strict schedule adherence to deliver this key community sports infrastructure. The complex is positioned to transform Gurugram’s sports ecosystem, reinforcing the city’s image in the realm of urban development and recreation.